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## Laws of the United States

[BY AUTHORITY.]

*AN ACT*

To incorporate a Company for opening the Canal in the City of Washington.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That Robert Brent, Samuel N. Smallwood, Daniel Carroll of Duddington, John Law, William Brent, Frederick May, Elias B. Caldwell, James D. Barry, Griffith Combe, and George Blagden, or any five of them be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open, or cause to be opened, a book for receiving and entering subscriptions for raising a capital stock not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, for the purpose of opening the canal to communicate from the Potomac river to the Eastern Branch thereof, through a part of the City of Washington, and that one month's notice be given in one of the newspapers printed in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, of the time and place of opening the said subscription book, and that the same be kept open until the sum of forty thousand dollars be subscribed: *Provided*, That no subscription shall be received unless the sum of ten dollars be paid into the hands of the persons authorized to receive the same, on each share subscribed for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as the aforesaid sum of forty thousand dollars be subscribed, the said commissioners, or any five of them, shall call a meeting of the stockholders at the City of Washington, by advertisement in one of the newspapers printed in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, appointing a fit and convenient time and place of meeting; and the said stockholders shall proceed in person, or by proxy, to the election, by ballot, of a president and six directors for conducting the said undertaking, and managing the business of the company, for and during the term of one year from the time of their appointment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said stockholders and their successors, from the time of the said first meeting, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, incorporated by the name of the "Washington Canal Company," and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, and may make all necessary bye-laws and regulations for the proper management of the business of the company: *Provided*, that the same be not contrary to the laws of the United States, or the laws in force in the district of Columbia.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors shall continue in office one year from the time of their election, and the directors may fill any vacancy which may happen in their own body during the term for which they were elected, and in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of the president, they may elect a president to serve the residue of the term; and the said stockholders, in one year after the day of which the election of the President and directors shall be first made, and on the same day in every year thereafter, (except the same shall happen on Sunday, in that case on the day succeeding) shall elect by ballot from among the Stockholders, one person as president, and six persons as directors; and the president and directors for the time being, shall give public notice, in one of the newspapers printed in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, for a new election, at least ten days previous to the expiration of the time for which they were elected, and each stockholder shall be allowed one vote for every share by him or her held at the time in said company; and any stockholder, by a written authority under his or her hand, and executed in the presence of two witnesses, may depute any other stockholder to vote and act as proxy for him or her at any general meeting.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors so elected, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to agree with any person or persons, on behalf of said company to cut the canal as laid down on the plan of the City of Washington, erect such locks, and perform such other works as they shall judge necessary for opening the canal aforesaid, and the forks thereof; and out of the monies arising from subscriptions, wharfage and tolls, to pay for the same, and to repair and improve the said canal, locks, and other works necessary thereto, and to defray all incidental charges, and also to appoint a treasurer, clerk, and such other officers, toll-gatherers, managers and servants, as they shall judge requisite, and to settle their respective wages.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the treasurer of the said company shall, before he acts as such, give bond to the company in such penalty, and with such security as the said president and directors shall direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors so elected, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to demand and receive of the stockholderrs, in equal proportions, the remaining nine-tenths of the shares, from time to time, as they shall judge necessary; and if any of the stockholders shall neglect or refuse to pay their proportions, within one month after the same shall have been ordered, the share or shares of such defaulter shall be forfeited: *Provided*, That notice shall be given by advertisement in one of the newspapers printed in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, of the time when the same shall be ordered to be paid.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall not begin to collect wharfage or tolls, until the canal is made navigable for boats and scows drawing three feet water to pass through the same from the Potomac river to the Eastern branch thereof: And if at any time the said canal shall become obstructed, so that boats and scows drawing three feet water cannot pass through the same, from the Potomac river to the Eastern branch thereof, it shall not be lawful for the said company to collect any wharfage or tolls, until such obstruction shall have been removed.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That ever president and director, before he acts as such, shall take an oath or affirmation that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties of his office; and any four of the directors, with the president, shall constitute a quorum for transacting any business of the company.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the shares in the said company shall be deemed personal and not real property, & transferable in such manner as the company shall direct, and that the shares held by any individual shall be liable to be attached or taken by fieri facias, to satisfy the debts due from any such individual, in like manner, as other personal property may be.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be a general meeting of the stockholders on the first Monday in June, and the first Monday in December, in every year, in the city of Washington, to which meeting, the president and directors, shall make a report, and render distinct and just accounts of all their proceedings; and on finding them justly and fairly stated, the stockholders then present, or a majority of them, shall give a certificate thereof; and at such half yearly general meetings, after leaving in the hands of the treasurer such sum as shall be judged necessary for repairs, improvements or contingent charges, an equal dividend of all the nett profits arising from the wharfage and tolls hereby granted, shall be ordered, and made to and among all the stockholders of the said company, in proportion to their several shares; provided, that if the nett profits shall, in any year, exceed fifteen per centum on the sum actually expended by the said company, in opening the said canal, and completing the same, the fifteen per centum only of the nett profits shall be divided among the stockholders, and the excess shall be paid to the mayor and city council of the city of Washington, for the use of the said city.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That for and in consideration of the expenses, the said stockholders shall incur in cutting the canal, erecting locks, and in maintaining and keeping the same in repair, and in the enlargement and improvement of the same, the said company is hereby authorised to collect on all articles and materials landed on each side of the canal, from on board any boat or scow, or placed on either side of the said canal, for the purpose of being taken therefrom by any any boat or scow, according; to such rates as the president and directors may, from time to time, by their bye-laws, order and direct: *Provided*, That the said rates shall, at no time hereafter, and in no particular, exceed the rates which are, or may be established by the owners of wharves in the city of Washington.—And it shall and may be lawful for the said company to demand and receive, at the most convenient place, for all articles carried through the said canal, tolls not exceeding the following rates, that is to say: for each unloaded boat or scow twenty-five cents; for each barrrel of flour two cents; for each barrel of beef or pork two cents; for each barrel of whiskey or brandy three cents; for each hogshead or pipe six cents: and upon all other articles, packages and commodities, one sixth part of the amount of tolls allowed by law to be received by the Potomac company, at the great falls of the river Potomac. And the said company shall also have the exclusive right to establish a packet boat or boats upon the said canal for carrying passengers, and no other packet boat or boats, but such as are established or permitted by them, shall be allowed to carry passengers through the same for hire.

SEC. 13. *Provided always, and be it further enacted*, That all public property shall pass through the said canal free of toll, and also that in case the said canal and one of the forks thereof, shall not be completed within the term of seven years from the passage of this act, in such manner as to admit boats and scows drawing three feet water to pass through the same, that the said canal shall revert to the United States, and all right and authority hereby granted to the said company, shall cease and determine.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall from time to time, whenever and wherever the mayor and city council shall order and direct, suffer bridges to be erected across the canal, and shall suffer the same when erected to be repaired; provided, that every bridge so erected, shall be at least, six feet above high water mark.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors of said company, after the said canal shall be opened and made passable for boats and scows drawing three feet water, shall annually, in the month of January, lay before the Congress of the United States, a just and true account of their receipts and expenditures, with a statement of the clear profits thereof.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN MILLEDGE, *President of the Senate pro-tempore.*

Feurnary 16, 1809.

APPROVED, TH: JEFFERSON.

*AN ACT*

For the relief of Augustin Serry.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorised to settle the account of Augustin Serry, formerly a boatswain on board the United States brig Sophia; and that they allow him the pay and emoluments of a boatswain from the fifteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, until the sixteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight; and that they pay the balance which may be found due to the said Augustin Serry, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

GEO: CLINTON, *Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*

January 12, 1809.

APPROVED, TH: JEFFERSON.

*AN ACT*

To revive and continue in force for a further time, the first section of the act, intitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers,"

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That so much of the act, passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, entituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers," as is contained in the first section of the said act, (and which was revived and continued in force, for the time therein mentioned, by an act, entituled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States, against the Barbary powers," passed the nineteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight,) be and the same hereby is revived and continued in force, until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ten: *Provided however*, That the additional duty laid by the said section, shall be collected on all such goods, wares and merchandise, liable to pay the same, as shall have been imported previous to that day.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

GEO: CLINTON, *Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate,*

January 10, 1809.

APPROVED, TH: JEFFERSON.

## Chancery Sale.

*By Virtue of a Decree of the honorable the Chancellor of Maryland,*

WILL be sold, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of May next, on the premises, part of three Tracts of Land lying and being in Caroline county (Maryland) formerly the property of *John Morriston*, sen. deceased, to wit: part of a tract whereon *Robinson Morriston* formerly lived, part of a tract where *George Morriston* now lives, and part of a tract where *Sarah Russell* now lives, on the following terms, to wit: the purchaser or purchasers to give bond with good security for the payment of the purchase money, with interest thereon, within twelve months from the day of sale, to be ratified and approved by the Chancellor; and a Conveyance of the said Land, of all the Estate, Right, Title and Interest, which was in the aforesaid John Morriston, deceased, will be made to the purchaser or purchasers, on payment of the purchase money, and not before. Sale to begin at 2 o'clock in the evening, at George Morriston's.

FREDERICK HOLBROOK, *Trustee.*

April 25, 1809. 3

All persons having claims against the aforesaid John Morriston, deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with their vouchers, to the subscriber, on or before the 11th day of November next.

F. H.

## Public sale.

BY Virtue of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the subscriber will expose to public sale, all the lands of *Edward S. Miles*, and *Levin Miles*, which were mortgaged to *George Robertson* and others; lying and being in Somerset county, near the Methodist Chappel, and a place commonly called Kingstown, supposed to be about four hundred acres: The said lands will be sold in different parcels or altogether, as may best suit the purchaser or purchasers—the purchaser or purchasers shall have twelve months credit, upon giving bond or bonds, with approved security, for the payment of the money at the end of the time of the credit given, with legal interest thereon from the day of sale. On the payment of the purchase money, and not before, a deed of conveyance transferring all the right, title and interest of the said Edward and Levin Miles, shall be executed to the purchaser or purchasers, according to the order aforesaid. The sale will be made on the premises, on THURSDAY, the twenty-fifth day of May, instant, and will begin at 11 o'clock.

JOHN COTTMAN, Trustee.

May 2. 1809. 3

## Advertisement.

THE Subscriber returns his thanks to his friends and the public generally, for past favors, and begs leave to inform them, that he still continues to carry on the BRICK-MAKING BUSINESS, at his old stand, on the road leading to Miles River Ferry, where he intends constantly to keep on hand, Bricks of all kinds, and made of the best materials, for the supply of those who may favor him with their custom—In consequence of the high price of wood, he is compelled to add one dollar per thousand to his former prices, which will make it Six Dollars for merchantable Bricks, and Eight for all hard. If the Cash is paid on the delivery of the Bricks, a deduction of one dollar in each thousand will be made to purchasers.

THOMAS WOOD.

Easton, May 2, 1809. 5

TO THE *Voters of Talbot County.*

I SOLICIT your suffrages for the next SHERIFFALTY.

JOHN BENNETT.

April 25. 1809. tf

TO THE *Voters of Talbot County.*

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING heretofore offered myself as a Candidate for the Office of Sheriff, and being again solicited by a number of my friends, I beg leave to solicit the honor of your suffrages for the *SHERIFFALTY*; should I be elected, I pledge myself to execute the duties of the Office with integrity and impartiality.

JOSEPH DARDEN.

Talbot county, May 2, 1809. tf

*To the Independent Voters of* TALBOT COUNTY.

FROM the solicitation of a number of my freinds, I am induced to offer myself a Candidate for the office of SHERIFF, at the ensuing Election—and should I be so fortunate as to be the successful *Candidate*, I solemnly pledge myself to execute the duties of the office with fidelity and impartiality.

On this occasion it may not be amiss to remark, that from my long experience in public business (in which I flatter myself I have given general satisfaction) the public will entertain no doubt of my future good conduct.

With sentiments of due respect,
I am the Public's humble serv't.

THOMAS PARROTT.

April 11, 1809. eowtf

Public notice is hereby given,

THAT the Subscribers hath obtained from the Orphan's Court of Talbot county, letters of administration on the personal estate of BENNETT WHEELER, late of said county, deceased: All those who have claims against the said deceased, are hereby required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscribers—and all those indebted to the same, either by bond, note, or open account, are desired to come forward and discharge the same immediately, otherwise they will be proceeded against as the law directs, without discrimination.

Given under our hands this 28th day of April, 1809.

LUCY WHEELER, *Adm'rx.*
WM. CLARK, *Adm'or.*

May 2, 1809. tf

## Education.

PARENTS, Guardians, and others, are respectfully informed, that the *Centreville Academy* will open on MONDAY, the first of May, for the reception of scholars, where will be taught the following branches, or as many of them as may be required, viz. Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic on a new and approved plan, English Grammar, History, Book-Keeping, and the practical branches of the Mathematics. Early application to be made at the Academy, where the moderate terms of tuition will be made known. Both sexes can be well accommodated, as there are two teachers, and a spacious house pleasantly situated.

SAMUEL BLAIR.

May 2, 1809. 4

N. B. The strictest attention will be paid, both to the morals and education of the Pupils; not only by the subscriber, but also by the trustees, who will inspect each branch of learning quarterly.

## Notice.

THE Subscriber having obtained Letters of Administration on the estate of Capt. *Hugh Martin*, dec'd. calls on all those indebted to him, to make immediate payment:—And all those having claims against the dec'd. are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, for settlement.

WM. BERRIDGE, Adm'r. of H. Martin, dec'd.

May 2, 1809—3

## Coach and Harness-Making.

*JOHN APPLEGARTH, from Baltimore,*

INFORMS his friends and the public, that he has commenced the COACH-MAKING BUSINESS, in Easton, fronting the Public Square; where he intends building Carriages of different descriptions: such as family Waggons, Gigs, Chaises, &c. of the newest fashion, or such as are called for. As every attention will be given to satisfy his customers, he hopes to obtain a part of the public's patronage.

April 25, 1809. 6

## In Chancery, April 18, 1809.

ORDERED, That the sale made by Thomas Stevens, trustee for the sale of the real estate of *John M. Anderson*, deceased, shall be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn before the first day of July next; provided a copy of this order be inserted three successive weeks in the Easton Star, before the first day of June next.

The report states, that the complainant's interest in 420 acres of land was sold for $3550. True copy. Test,

NICHS. BREWER, Reg. Cur. Can.